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# Guess who's coming to Diner

**Exclusive.** Drag queen Martha Graham Cracker will entertain revelers — all 4,500 of them — at pop-up dinner party Diner en Blanc. PAGE 02

Last summer's Diner en Blanc was on the Avenue of the Arts. This year's location will be revealed minutes before the party starts Thursday evening. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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# City's favorite drag queen will play at Diner en Blanc

Last summer's Diner en Blanc took over a stretch of Broad Street. Martha Graham Cracker, at top, will play this year. JOHANNA AUSTIN

**Party.** For the first time, Diner en Blanc announced the entertainment lineup ahead of the event, and we got the exclusive scoop.

Celebrating her 10th anniversary, drag queen extraordinaire Martha Graham Cracker — aka Pig Iron Theatre co-founder Dito van Reigersberg — will headline Diner en Blanc on Thursday, backed by a four-piece band. Billed as "the world's tallest and hairiest drag queen," Martha Graham Cracker is known for sell-out shows featuring a musical cabaret comedy performance with songs (live, no lip-syncing here) that range from Aretha Franklin to Motley Crue.

"I love things that are clandestine but also with gigantic crowds. Plus, I like the idea that people wear all white but aren't too matchy-matchy. Coordinated but not draconian," says Reigersberg, in character as Martha.

As for taking the show outside: "I love to sing with the band anywhere, but al fresco is unusual," she says. "I hope bugs don't zoom into my mouth on a high note."

More than 4,500 people are signed up for the hush-hush pop-up dinner party, which takes place at a to-be-disclosed public location revealed to the guests, who are clad in all white, just moments before it starts. Last year, the white-clothed tables stretched along Broad Street all the way from Chestnut Street to Pine.

Guests, who either have been to Diner en Blanc before or earned a spot through this year's new lottery system, show up with their own tables, chairs, food and drink — and perhaps an extra bottle of bubbly to toast Miss Martha's anniversary?

Also on the bill: The Canarsie Wobblers troupe will perform dances from the Jazz Age and Swing Era, and DJ Sabeel Chohan will mix it up with EDM.

The Martha Graham Cracker Cabaret will continue the 10-year celebration Saturday at Union Transfer, alongside Johnny Showcase and Red 40.

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## Philadelphia. Fattah bashes federal case against him

U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah responded to charges against him Monday in a letter to the House of Representatives accusing the federal prosecutor on the case of bias and questioning the legality of the charges.

"For decades, appropriators in both the House and Senate have been the target of unconstitutional and illegal investigations," wrote Fattah, who was hit with a racketeering indictment two weeks ago, in the letter issued and published online this morning.

Fattah urged the House's Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to require federal prosecutors to preserve every document related to his case for review and accused lead prosecutor Paul Gray of bias in the case.

Chaka Fattah / FILE PHOTO

The letter states that Gray said in court "earmarks are corrupt" and that Fattah was "guilty of something."

Fattah also claims prosecutors investigating him violated the rights of citizens and congressional staffers by interviewing them at their homes and without attorneys present and presented false statements about him in court.

Fattah's defense attorney Kevin Mincey declined to comment on the case.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District had no comment on Fattah's letter.

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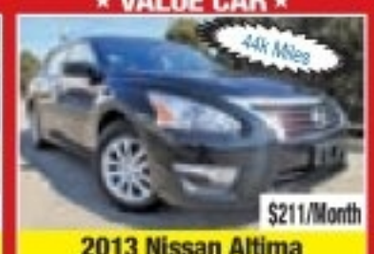

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## Hotline up for businesses with pope concerns

The city is seeking to address business concerns about the implications of security during the impending papal visit on Sept. 26-27.

Amid rumors that some Center City restaurants and businesses are considering closing during the weekend of the papal visit, due to difficulties transporting employees and supplies past a planned security fence, the Commerce Department launched a new hotline to address these questions.

Pope Francis / GETTY IMAGES

"We would prefer them to be open," said Deputy Mayor Alan Greenberger. "We'd really like for everybody to think through their arrangements, so if there are any problems, we can solve them now."

The hotline's number is 215-683-2100. It's open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and businesses can also email their questions to business@phila.gov.

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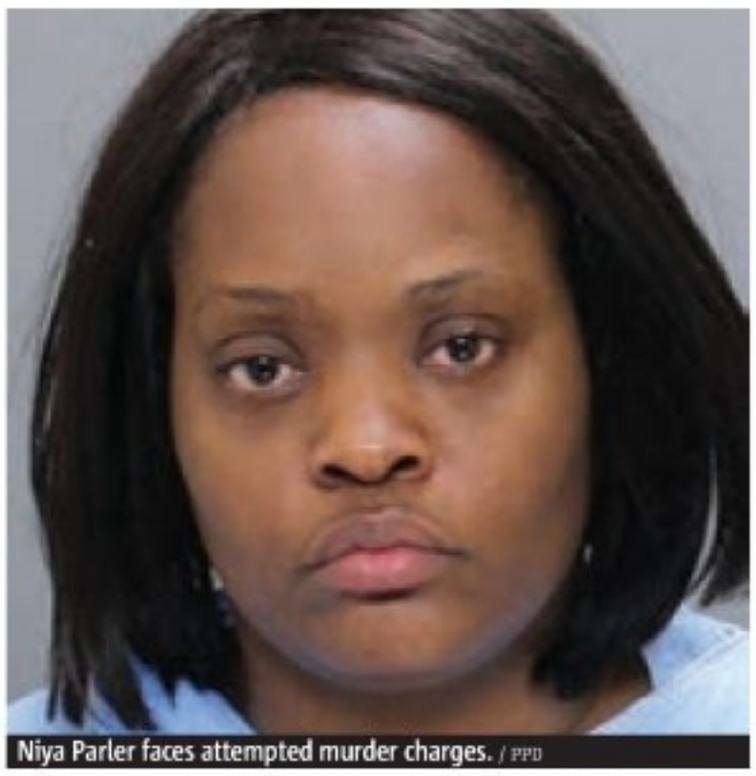
Niya Parler faces attempted murder charges. / PPD

# Mother who abandoned quadriplegic son in court

**West Philly.** The mom who left her disabled son in the woods for days is not a 'monster' but is mentally ill, her lawyer said.

The case of a mother charged with abandoning her disabled son in a wooded area off Cobbs Creek in West Philadelphia earlier this year moved closer to trial after she waived her right to a preliminary hearing on Monday morning.

Niya Parler, 41, faces attempted murder and aggravated assault charges for abandoning her 21-year-old son who is quadriplegic, has cerebral palsy and is nonverbal, while she went to Maryland.

Parler was arrested outside Baltimore on April 11, a day after her son was discovered lying in leaves, "covered in a blanket with a Bible and a wheelchair nearby," according to the police report. He had missed school for the previous five days.

But her defense lawyer says she has mental health issues.

"Niya has been viewed as this evil woman or monster who left her child to die in the woods," said attorney Kevin Mincey. "It's not that she was just off in Maryland laying up with her boyfriend just because that's what she wanted to do; she was and is legitimately ill."

Mincey criticized the state's Department of Public Welfare for not removing Parler's son from the home despite the fact that the family requested assistance for years, he said.

The DA's office declined to comment on the case or on negotiations for a guilty plea. Parler was found competent to stand trial but in need of treatment at a hearing in June, reports say.

Mincey said his client waived her preliminary hearing so family members wouldn't have to testify.

"To force her family to get on the stand and testify, to bring in officers from Maryland and all that — it just didn't make sense," Mincey said.

After he was found in the woods, Parler's son was hospitalized at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for malnutrition, exposure, dehydration and a cut to his back.

Mincey said Parler's son is still dealing with medical issues and "misses his mom."

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# Philly firefighters remember Gulf

**In memoriam.**
Dozens recall the refinery fire that killed eight firefighters.

Lois Campana remembers the last time she saw her husband.

It was 40 years ago Monday, and she had just gotten home from a shift as a nurse. Her husband, Ralph, had pulled away in his car to get to his job as a firefighter. Suddenly, the car reversed. She was still standing on the porch.

"I said, 'Did you forget something,' and he said, 'No, I just wanted to get one more look,'" Lois Campana told a crowd gathered at Fireman's Hall Museum.

Firefighters, their families and political dignitaries gathered Monday to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Gulf Oil Refinery fire in 1975, a blaze that burned for six days, killing eight and injuring 14.

"I ran in. I saw guys that were burning. I couldn't get to them, and it bothered me," said David Schoolfield, a retired firefighter. "Everyone was screaming for me to get out. And when I went to turn, that's when I went up in the flame."

The events leading to the fire began with a ship that had overfilled a tank at the refinery. Fumes from the tank accumulated in a boiler house that ignited from an unknown source. Firefighters fought the blaze for most of the morning and believed it was under control. But they remained on the scene, pouring water on tanks to keep them cool and prevent them from igniting.

Along the way, crews became concerned that overhead wires would overheat and fall into puddles of crude oil that had begun accumulating. They turned them off, which shut off pumps that served the refinery's underground sewer system. The oil flooded worse, to the point where it surrounded a fire truck.

Nobody is quite sure how the oil ignited, but some believe that the fire truck surrounded by oil had overheated. When the oil ignited, it trapped three firefighters. Other firefighters — many of whom had removed protective gear because they believed the blaze was under control and because they were taking breaks, rushed to help.

Firefigher Ray Rajchel waded through what he said was 2 feet of oil after being relieved. He slipped on a submerged firehose and was forced to walk to a truck to get cleaned off. On his way back to his company, he heard screaming.

"Sometimes it pays to be clumsy," Rajchel said.

Six firefighters died on the scene, and two died later from injuries they suffered. Fourteen others were injured.

"I remember my father going to work and fighting this fire," said Andy Thomas, president of the firefighters' union in Philadelphia. "I remember playing in the park at 2nd and Jackson and seeing the smoke envelope the neighborhood. It was terrifying not knowing where my father was and whether he was one of the victims."

**Quoted**

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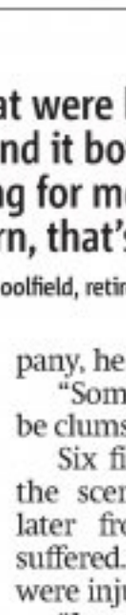

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# Oil Refinery blaze

Fire Commissioner Derrick Sawyer speaks at the memorial ceremony at the Fireman's Hall Museum in Old City. At top right, members of the Police and Fire Fife and Drums; at bottom right, family members of the deceased hug. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO


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# FIFA official proposes abolishing executive committee in reform

**Governing body.** FIFA's new 15-member Reform Committee is due to meet in mid-September.

FIFA Chairman of Audit and Compliance Domenico Scala / GETTY IMAGES

An official overseeing reform efforts at FIFA has produced a radical blueprint for reform of soccer's scandal-hit governing body, including the abolition of its powerful executive committee, according to a person with knowledge of the plan. Domenico Scala, the independent chairman of FIFA's Audit and Compliance Committee, proposes replacing the executive committee with a dual structure. There would be a management committee including independent professionals charged with ensuring FIFA's day-to-day running and a governing council playing more of an oversight role, the source said.

The governing council, which would have a lot less power than the executive committee, would be elected by FIFA's Congress, which consists of representatives from its 209 member associations around the world. FIFA is facing unprecedented pressure to reform following the May indictment by U.S. authorities of nine current and former soccer officials on bribery-related charges. Many of them had served on the executive committee or in other FIFA positions.

But the proposed reforms are likely to face huge resistance from many within FIFA and from six regional soccer confederations, who currently wield a lot of influence because they nominate members of the executive committee. The move would remove the direct link between the continental confederations and FIFA's power structure. A new Reform Committee, headed by former International Olympic Committee Director General Francois Carrard, could take a different view, and although Scala is to be overseeing its efforts, he isn't in a position to control it. REUTERS

**FIFA four-year terms**

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His reform plan also includes the introduction of term limits for all elected officials. They would be limited to a maximum of three four-year terms.

# Expert on Tianjin protest. 'China does not pay compensations'

Residents of the Chinese city of Tianjin are demanding compensation from the government in the aftermath of Aug. 12 explosions at a chemical warehouse that caused damage to at least 17,000 homes.

A number of small protests sparked on Monday as people are refusing to return to their homes even after they have been ruled safe.

High levels of sodium cyanide, a lethal chemical that can be fatal if inhaled or ingested, have been reportedly detected in the area by wastewater monitors. We talked to Fahim Masoud, analyst at the foreign affairs publication International Policy Digest.

**Why are the authorities reluctant to compensate local residents?**

The incident in Tianjin is a tragedy and one that will have large ramifications for the government of China. China does not want to pay compensations because it's afraid of the domino effect theory. How many other big businesses are there that have been built in such a way that may blow up in the future? This requires a large compensation. China doesn't want to keep paying for such incidents that will claim lives and will cost millions.

**Do you think people's protests will lead to something?**

Yes, they will lead to some sort of answers. The Chinese government will be obligated to respond. As the authorities are so furtive, we may not be able to see what kind of a deal will be reached by the families of the lost and by the Chinese government. DMITRY BELYAEV, MWN

**Question**

**Are public protests in China secure?**

China is not a secure government. It's extremely insecure and is very much afraid of any noise made by any group in China. China's problems are to rise in the future, so in a way, these protests will grow in size — a phenomenon that could have devastating results for the Chinese government. MWN

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# Five things you need to know

## 1 White House launches plan to counter explosion in heroin use

The White House announced a new strategy on Monday to tackle the explosion in heroin use in a collection of eastern states, focusing on treating addicts rather than punishing them and targeting high-level suppliers for arrest.

The move is a response to a sharp rise in the use of heroin and opiate-based painkillers, which the U.S. Centers for Disease Control has described as an epidemic.

Heroin use has more than doubled among people aged 18-25 in the United States in the past decade, according to CDC figures, while overdose death rates have nearly quadrupled. An estimated 45 percent of U.S. heroin users are also addicted to prescription painkillers.

Announcing the Heroin Response Strategy on Monday, Michael Botticelli, director of National Drug Control Policy, said the new plan will address the heroin and painkiller epidemics as both "a public health and a public safety issue."

Under the plan, $2.5 million of $13.4 million in new funding to combat drug trafficking will target regions the White House said are facing a severe heroin threat: Appalachia, New England, New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Baltimore. REUTERS

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## 2 Death toll from California midair crash rises to five

The death toll from a midair collision between an executive jet used by military contractor BAE Systems and a small plane over Southern California has risen to five.

The fiery crash left debris and bodies scattered over more than a mile and sparked brush fires in the area where the wreckage landed near the U.S. border with Mexico, San Diego-based Cal Fire Division Chief Nick Schuler said on Monday.

A twin-engine Sabreliner crashed with a single-engine Cessna some two miles from Brown Field Municipal Airport in San Diego County, Schuler said. REUTERS

## 3 Maryland 'Batman' dies, struck by car

A Maryland man famous for an online video where he was stopped by police while wearing a Batman costume died after his customized "Batmobile" broke down along a state highway.

The man, 51-year-old Leonard Robinson, began wearing the suit for visits to children's hospitals, where he handed out knickknacks bearing the logo of Batman.

He was killed late Sunday night after his car broke down on an interstate highway and stopped, partially in the fast lane. He had gotten out of the car and was checking the engine when another vehicle collided with his. REUTERS

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## 4 Planned Parenthood seeks injunction against Florida health agency

Planned Parenthood sought an emergency legal injunction on Monday against Florida health officials to block the use of what it says are "new and unpublished" standards to define pregnancy gestation periods.

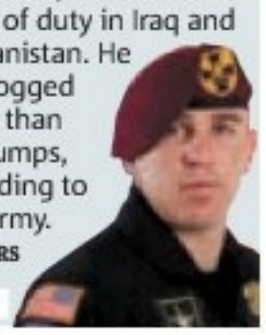
The legal move filed in circuit court in Tallahassee comes after Florida's Republican Gov. Rick Scott ordered a probe last month of the state's 16 Planned Parenthood locations which resulted in three clinics being cited Aug. 5 for illegally performing abortions in the second trimester. REUTERS

## 5 Army parachutist dies at Chicago air show

A U.S. Army parachutist died on Sunday, a day after he was involved in a midair collision with another parachutist during a Chicago air show, local media reported.

Army Golden Knights parachutist Corey Hood had collided with an unidentified Navy parachutist during the Chicago Air & Water Show, the Chicago Sun Times reported.

Hood, who was from Cincinnati, served five tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. He had logged more than 575 jumps, according to the Army. REUTERS



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# Bangkok bomb kills 19, dozens hurt in bid 'to destroy economy'

**Blast.** At the scene lay burned motorcycles, rubble from the shrine's wall and pools of blood.

Soldiers inspect the scene after a bomb exploded outside a religious shrine in central Bangkok. / GETTY IMAGES

A bomb planted at one of the Thai capital's most renowned shrines on Monday killed 19 people, including three foreign tourists, and wounded scores in an attack the government called a bid to destroy the economy.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast at the Erawan Shrine at a major city-center intersection. Thai forces are fighting a low-level Muslim insurgency in the predominantly Buddhist country's south, but those rebels have rarely launched attacks outside their heartland.

"The perpetrators intended to destroy the economy and tourism, because the incident occurred in the heart of the tourism district," Defense Minister Prawit Wongsuwan told Reuters.

Several media outlets had earlier reported that 27 people were killed, but Somyot Poompanmoung, the national police chief, told reporters the death toll was 16 in an attack he said was unprecedented in Thailand.

"It was a pipe bomb," Poompanmoung said. "It was placed inside the Erawan Shrine."

The shrine, on a busy corner near top hotels, shopping centers, offices and a hospital, is a major attraction, especially for visitors from East Asia, including China. Many ordinary Thais also worship there.

The government would set up a "war room" to coordinate the response to the blast, the Nation television channel quoted Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha as saying. REUTERS

**Quoted**

**"There were bodies everywhere. Some were shredded. There were legs where heads were supposed to be. It was horrific."**

**Marko Cunningham,** a New Zealand paramedic working with a Bangkok ambulance service

**Clashes**

## Civilians, soldiers die in east Ukraine fighting

Fighting flared between Ukrainian forces and Russian-backed rebels in separate parts of eastern Ukraine overnight, killing at least two Ukrainian soldiers and several civilians, Kiev's military and separatist sources said on Monday.

The clashes, near the port of Mariupol in the southeast and at rebel-held Horlivka, further frayed an increasingly tenuous ceasefire as Ukraine prepared to mark its Independence Day next week.

Kiev accused the separatists of shelling civilians on the outskirts of Mariupol. In Moscow, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov blamed Kiev for the violence, giving no detail but saying he suspected Ukraine was preparing a new offensive. REUTERS


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**Twitter feed**

**Madonna got a puppy, Conan O'Brien is hoping for a cameo, Azealia Banks wants to further her education, Perez Hilton knows who doesn't have his vote, and Sarah Silverman has conversation goals.**

**@Madonna: Gypsy Rosa Lee.....best birthday present ever! #rebelheart**

**@ConanOBrien: I really hope "Straight Outta Compton" kept the scene where you can see me playing backup accordion at the first NWA concert.**

**@AZEALIABANKS: How does one take an online course? what does that entail?**

**@PerezHilton: #DonaldTrump continues to say dumb things and criticizes #HeidiKlum's looks!!**

**@SarahKSilverman: Gonna work the word pizzazz into more sentences**

# Harry Styles calls up Zayn Malik's ex

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Ever since ex-One Directioner Zayn Malik ended his engagement with Little Mix's Perrie Edwards via text message three weeks ago, she's been getting a lot of support from her friends and fans. But recently, she received a phone call from someone she didn't expect: Harry Styles. Styles wasn't moving in on Malik's girl — come on, now — he was checking in on Edwards and making sure she was doing OK. A source tells the Daily Star that Styles really understands what it's like to have a broken heart because his girlfriend dumped him when he was 14. While an eighth grade breakup isn't quite the same as ending an engagement, we're loving that Styles put the bros before hos rule aside to check up on Edwards. What a guy!

# Kylie Jenner offered $10 million to do porn

Kylie Jenner certainly doesn't shy away from flaunting her bod on Instagram, but would she ever consider doing porn? Vivid Entertainment seems to think so. TMZ reports that the porn film company sent Jenner a letter promising her $10 million in exchange for a sex tape of her and boyfriend Tyga. "Kim's sex tape helped launch her career, and [this] would be nothing but positive for you," the offer letter reportedly says. Apparently, the porn industry has been counting down the days for Jenner to turn 18 and she's gotten multiple million dollar-plus deals. This is the world we live in, people.

# Rihanna addresses dating rumors about the NBA's Matt Barnes

Memphis Grizzlies player Matt Barnes has no game off the court. Barnes has been using social media to try and woo Rihanna, but she is not feeling it. After Barnes Instagrammed his crush on the pop star and revealed on video to TMZ that hooking up with Rihanna was a "real possibility," Rihanna Instagrammed a screenshot of the video captioning it "#bishwhere #thedevilisaliar #shesnotthatintoyou #shesnotintoyouatall #shesneverevenmetyou #thisactuallyhurtmyfeelings #defamationofcharacter." Barnes commented on the photo saying, "Hahaaa wow." A seven hashtag rejection? "Wow" is right.

# 'Today' show cuts off Janelle Monae's #BlackLivesMatter speech

"We will not be silenced," Janelle Monae told everyone watching her on the "Today" show, right before she was silenced. The singer performed her song, "Hell You Talmbout," which is a tribute to victims of racial violence and then started to give a speech on police brutality and racism, but the show cut her off before she finished what she wanted to say. Here's what she was able to get in: "God bless America! God bless all the lost lives to police brutality. We want white America to know that we stand tall today. We want black America to know we stand tall today."

# THE WORD

Emily Laurence takes on the world of gossip.

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**Daily video**

## That awkward moment when your armpit hair looks like a Troll's head

Buzzfeed continues to gift the universe with videos of people doing things we never wanted to see them do yet can't help but watch anyway. Today, they have a video of people dying their armpit hair all sorts of funky colors. Apparently, it's all the rage with kids these days. Only men are featured in the video, though they do say one reason for the colorful pit-hair trend may be to counter traditional ideas of female beauty. Whatever the reason, it's hard to look away. Watch the whole thing go down at **metro.us/entertainment.**

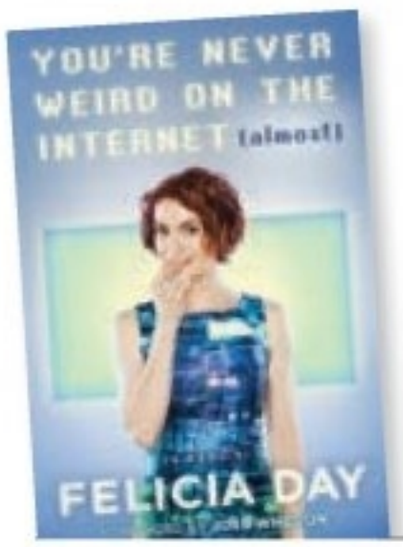
BUZZFEEDVIDEO, YOUTUBE

# Felicia Day: 'Your weirdness is your superpower'

**YouTube.** The Internet's favorite geek girl talks #GamerGate and how the Internet helped her discover her true self.

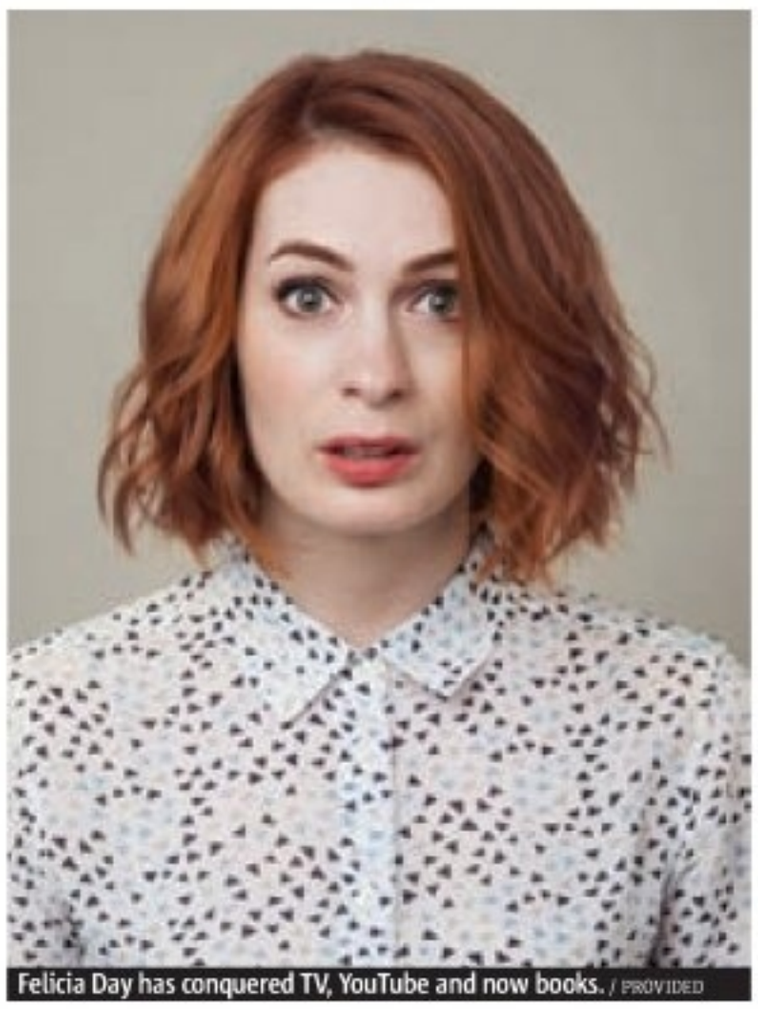
Felicia Day is the Internet personified. Just like searching online for any oddball obsession that might be looked down upon in real life, Day is open to trying pretty much anything, which she proves time and time again on her YouTube series "The Flog." Just this season, the 36-year-old attempted pole dancing, fencing and neon sign making.

With 1.4 million YouTube subscribers, the gamer, writer, producer and actress ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Supernatural") has a fan base that expands across multiple mediums. But her new memoir, "You're Never Weird on the Internet (Almost)" is the first time she's shared her story in its entirety.




## Internet connection

"I think it's a normal human impulse to want to connect with people. Growing up, I was homeschooled, which didn't allow me to connect with a lot of people in the real world," says Day about why she looked online to make friends. "As far as I remember, technology was a vehicle for meeting people and sharing my enthusiasm about something."


Felicia Day has conquered TV, YouTube and now books. / PROVIDED

A lot of Day's personal interests, like gaming, comics and math, aren't typically associated with women, and she says she faced a lot of sexism as a result. But her online support team has her back. "There's a lot of pressure to conform to the cliche of what we look like, and that's why the Internet is an amazing place because it's really about your personality," she says. "It's a beautiful thing to counter the expectations of people either based on your gender or race, standing up and saying, 'You're ill-informed.'"

## #GamerGate

Of course, the Internet hasn't always been warm and fuzzy for her. Last year, Day's personal information, including her address, was released online, subjecting her to being the target of stalkers.

"It was a very hurtful incident in my life and not just personally, but because I love gaming, and I love spreading the love of gaming," she says. "That's not my world of gaming. I know wonderful people through it, and I would hate for someone to be dissuaded from being a part of the gaming world because of that incident. It's very sad."

## Finding your superpower

There is a whole chapter in the book devoted to #GamerGate, something Day hopes others will learn from. In fact, she hopes her memoir as a whole will spread positivity and inspire readers to be their own authentic weird selves.

"Our uniqueness is what we have to offer to the world," she says. "Your weirdness is your superpower, and you shouldn't give up your superpower just because other people tell you to. That's the worst plot for a superhero movie."

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# Jemaine Clement is a normal dude

**Interview.** The Flight of the Conchords member and "People Places Things" star is not a deadpan machine in real life.

Jemaine Clement (with Aundrea and Gia Gadsby) plays a graphic novelist just out of a marriage in "People Places Things," now on VOD. / THE FILM ARCADE

GETTY IMAGES

Jemaine Clement goes serious, for the most part, in "People Places Things," an indie in which he plays a father of two whose wife leaves him for another man. But it's still funny, and it still makes use of the Flight of the Conchords member's gifts for extremely deadpan comedy — he delivers most of his lines in a manner that's still restrained. In person, it's worth noting, Clement is open, friendly and very prone to laughter. In fact, he laughs so much it can be, for those who've watched his work for years, a touch disarming.

**What did you learn about parenting in NYC?**
Schooling here is the big issue for some. I live in New Zealand, where it's pretty much free. To send kids to school costs about $70 a year.

**Were you nervous to try a more serious role?**
It [being] more serious made me more interested. I wasn't worried about the emotional moments, because I have emotions. I know [laughs] that I have emotions, and I project them in the normal human way. But would that be interesting? Because when you do comedy, especially on the stage, you want laughs all the time. Whenever the audience is silent, you're failing.

**Do you feel that same pressure to constantly entertain with more dramatic work?**
I've known friends who've done dramas, and they don't know how it has gone till the very end. They may think it's dying, and at the end, the audience applauds. They go, "Phew, that was a long time to wait." I did a film with Steven Spielberg, and he said during "Jaws" he had nightmares for months. For months, he had no idea it would work.

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One more thing

## Back home

**You still live in New Zealand. How do you find the comedy opportunities there?**
It's hard to do comedy in New Zealand, especially in television. Film's a bit more open, but TV, they're just imitating American TV. We would have to go to America, make a show, then go back to New Zealand and say, "We'll make a show like that American show." [Laughs] New Zealand invented those terrible "Pop Idol" shows, like "American Idol." They had a show about this band. The idea got copied and copied then changed, and then it became "Pop Idol" and "American Idol." Then New Zealand copied that idea that we had in the first place. So we didn't have a chance there.

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***We love the simplicity of this dish. Smooth polenta flavored with a quick kale pesto is the perfect canvas for slices of heirloom tomato and a fried egg seasoned with za'atar. Plus, there's nothing more delightful than breaking a runny yolk and stirring it into the polenta for extra creaminess. Cook, relax, and enjoy!***

*Cooking time: 30 minutes*
*Attributes: vegetarian*
*Calories: 485kcal/person*
*Allergens: milk, egg*

**What we send:**
- 8 oz. curly kale
- 1 clove garlic (0.2 oz.)
- 1 oz. Parmesan
- ½ cup polenta (3 oz.)
- 8 oz. heirloom tomato
- ½ teaspoon za'atar (0.06 oz.)

**What you need:**
- olive oil
- coarse salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- 2 large eggs

**Equipment:**
- medium pot
- blender, food processor or hand blender
- box grater or microplane
- nonstick skillet

**Suggested Sips:**
- A bright, clean white wine with a bit of body like a chardonnay

**Directions:**

**1 Blanch kale.** Remove ribs from kale and discard. Tear leaves into bite-size pieces. Bring 3 cups of water to a boil in a medium pot and add 1 teaspoon salt. Add kale, cover, and cook until wilted, about 3 minutes. Using tongs, transfer kale to a blender, reserving water. Remove pot from heat.

**2 Make kale puree.** Peel garlic then combine kale, garlic, ¼ cup water and 3 tablespoons olive oil with a hand blender or in a blender or food processor. Season with salt and pepper and process until as smooth as possible (mixture will be smoothest in a blender, but it's OK if it's not perfectly smooth).

**3 Make polenta.** Grate Parmesan. Return kale water to a boil. Slowly whisk in polenta, reduce heat to low and cook, whisking often, until smooth and tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in kale puree and Parmesan and season with salt and pepper. Cover and keep warm.

**4 Fry eggs.** Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium high. Crack eggs into skillet and season with salt and pepper and cook undisturbed until edges are golden brown and lacy, about 2 minutes.

**5 Slice tomato.** Thinly slice tomato and season with salt and pepper.

**6 Serve.** Divide polenta between bowls and top with tomatoes and fried eggs. Sprinkle with za'atar. Enjoy!

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# Ladies and gentlemen, the one and only Stevie

Stevie Wonder played an impromptu concert in Dilworth Park on Monday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

**Free show.** If you were on vacation, you missed out. The famed pianist and singer performed a surprise pop-up concert in Center City on Monday.

Thousands of Philadelphians scrambled to Dilworth Park on Monday to catch a free pop-up concert by Stevie Wonder.

"My sister called me, and I flew down here," said Aundry Harris of the West Oak Lane section of the neighborhood.

Wonder played the surprise concert to promote the extension of his "Songs in the Key of Life" tour. He started the day with a short show at the Armory Mall in Washington, D.C., then made the Philly stop before wrapping up the day with an evening appearance in New York at Central Park SummerStage.

The surprise performances were in advance of his fall tour. Wonder will play the Wells Fargo Center on Oct. 7. The tour will close at Madison Square Garden in New York on Nov. 24.

The surprise show got fans racing to get to Center City. A few members of the crowd could be heard on their cellphones telling people to get to Dilworth Park as quickly as possible, in hopes they wouldn't miss the concert.

"Stevie Wonder has been a part of life since I can remember," said John Hall Jr. of Wynnefield Heights.

Wonder played an hour-long set that featured hits such as "Superstition" and "I'll Be Loving You Always." In between songs, members of the local media tossed questions. Wonder was asked if he'd ever played three shows in one day.

"I never did this before, noooo," Wonder sang to the crowd.

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The crowds flocked to Dilworth Park. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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**Aries** Be assertive, not aggressive. You can make your point heard if you remain cool and present your arguments in a practical manner.

**Taurus** Making the final touches on unfinished projects will free you to start something new. You will be able to get a lot accomplished.

**Gemini** Positive advancement is quite possible. Staying in the background while hoping for something to happen will not bring you results.

**Cancer** You won't get far if you try to force others to do things your way. Do as much as you can on your own in order to come out ahead.

**Leo** A relationship looks promising. Don't think you can coast along without putting in extra effort. Events will provide you with prospects.

**Virgo** It's fine to be cautious, but spending too much time laboring over a new proposal is likely to lead to regret. Act quickly.

**Libra** Self-improvement projects will lead to unexpected offers. You will have a few options and will need to trust your intuition.

**Scorpio** Your plans will be put on hold, as events will require your attention. You will come out on top if you roll with the punches.

**Sagittarius** You can't do everything, so don't be afraid to ask for help. No matter what you are working on, others will gladly pitch in.

**Capricorn** Conditions around you will be uncertain. Stay out of the line of fire and work on your own projects at your own pace.

**Aquarius** Make the first move. Traveling for business will be to your advantage. You will make a stronger impression if you meet face-to-face.

**Pisces** Don't let self-doubt limit what you can accomplish. Getting ahead financially will be possible if you take on added responsibilities. **EUGENIA LAST**

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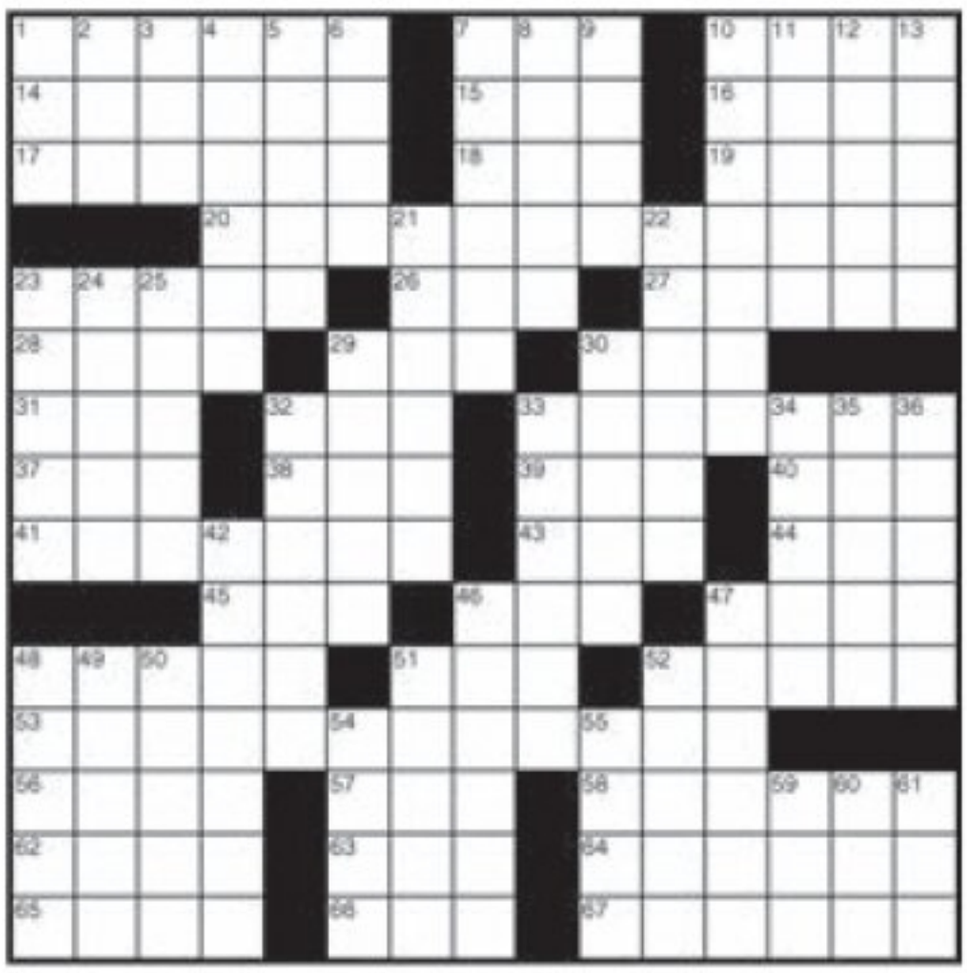

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# Can trans women expect the Caitlyn Jenner Effect?

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Facial feminization specialist Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel tells us what's changed — and what hasn't.

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Trans women undergo incredible changes, major and minor, to feel like their appearance can finally match how they feel inside. For some, the process isn't complete without cosmetic surgery to appear as feminine as possible.

But who is facial feminization surgery for?

Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel, now a renowned surgeon in the field of facial feminization, began developing his technique 16 years ago when a trans woman first came to his office. Spiegel wasn't sure what to do — and there was no medical literature to guide him.

The eventual procedure was a success, which led to a stream of referrals that changed his career. We asked the Boston-based surgeon about why some women opt for FFS and what the post-Caitlyn Jenner era holds.

## What do trans women want?

Though Spiegel says many of his transgender clients do request "a stunningly gorgeous look," most of them come in with one main concern — and it's not about how they see themselves: "I want to be able to answer the door without makeup and have someone not say, 'Good morning, sir.' I want my facial gender cues to send the right message."

## Internal vs. external

The cluster of procedures that makes up FFS are not all necessary for everyone. And there's also the consideration that some people want to maintain a shifting identity.

"Some people say, 'I'm a trans woman. It's time for me to live that life 100 percent of the time — do everything, and I'll start as soon as I'm healed,'" Spiegel explains. "Others say, 'I know who I am, but I have my job, my family, my relationships; I'm not ready to fully switch my life, so let's do a few things where I can still shift back and forth.'"

## The woman in the mirror

Spiegel's patients often worry whether they will recognize themselves — and just as importantly, will the people in their lives recognize them. "The answer is that you recognize yourself more, and people recognize you more," he says.

Consider this hypothetical: Bill tells his colleagues that he is transitioning to becoming Susan. Though there may be a conscious understanding, it clashes with the masculine signals of his face being perceived by our subconscious. "After surgery, she walks into the room, and the facial cues that are sent are 'Susan.' And they recognize you more: They see you not as a different person, but now they see you as yourself, and it's obviously you on a subconscious level."

## The Caitlyn Jenner Effect?

Though celebrities have been known to drive trends in surgery, both cosmetic and medical, Spiegel doesn't see Caitlyn Jenner's story changing the field of facial feminization — because it's only news to those of us who aren't transgender. As for driving a new standard of femininity, Spiegel says that's out of the hands of everyone in the Kardashian clan.

"This is thousands and thousands of years of evolution that have told us what feminine facial features are," he says. Even cosmetic surgeons don't have a template; the search for the platonic ideal of femininity is ongoing.

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# Turn wellness into Wellcoin

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When you're trying to make changes and live better, any incentive is helpful. How about getting paid to get off the sofa? Wellcoin, a new app (free; iOS and Android) created in Boston, bills itself as the world's first health currency, which aims to fatten your wallet while you're slimming down.

"Wellcoin was founded on the premise that rewarding people for easy-to-adopt, positive behaviors can help create lasting lifestyle changes," says Dr. Glenn Laffel, one of the founders of Wellcoin who's worked at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

The idea is that exercise isn't the only way to be healthy, and that each new better-for-you habit is a step to wellness that will keep snowballing as you use the app. "Wellcoin invokes a broad, welcoming, inclusive view of health and wellness," adds Laffel. "We meet folks where they are today and help them step forward to create new healthy habits for themselves."

## How it works

Do something good, tell Wellcoin, profit! If you already use a fitness tracker like FitBit, that data can be used to verify your exercise claims (yes, there's accountability) so you get more points than just by claiming you took the stairs instead of the elevator. The app integrates with more than 200 others that track exercise, nutrition and more to keep you earning Wellcoins.

## Beyond exercise

It's not just working out that gets rewarded. There are hundreds of activities that earn Wellcoins, good habits from getting enough sleep (at least seven hours per night) to preventive check-ups. Ditched your daily Diet Coke for a water with lemon? That counts! Activities are worth between one and 180 Wellcoins based on several factors, including a time element that incorporates both short-term (how long you spent doing the activity) and long-term (its impact on your future health) effects.

## What you get

The app has partnered with more than 65 businesses, including Reebok, Whole Foods and Pure Barre, to reward its members. Wellcoins can be used through the app's marketplace for everything from gear (Puma sneakers, 20,000 Wellcoins) to discounts ($10 off at Dick's Sporting Goods, 2,000 Wellcoins) and more.

## Why it works

The benefits of a healthier lifestyle can take a long time to appear or produce intangible results — does a daily green juice, however healthy, sound appetizing? Probably not. Wellcoin provides immediate rewards, not just through the free swag but also a community all making the same small changes and cheering each other on.

When you're dieting, not all calories are created equal.

# Dieter's delight: Carbs aren't that bad!

If you're trying to lose weight, cutting the right kind of calories could get better results. ISTOCK

The obsession over carb-cutting has ebbed a bit in the past year as we've come to better understand the benefits of healthy fats like coconut and avocado. But if you're trying to lose weight, you'll still have to cut back on them.

When participants in a recent government-led study reduced the calories from fat in their diets, they lost weight 68 percent faster than those who cut back their calories from carbohydrates.

"[I]nterestingly, study participants lost even more body fat during the fat-restricted diet, as it resulted in a greater imbalance between the fat eaten and fat burned," lead author Dr. Kevin Hall said in a news release. "Our data tell us that when it comes to body fat loss, not all diet calories are exactly equal."

But the benefits of cutting carbs, which are most commonly found in starchy foods like potatoes and wheat-based products like cereals and baked goods (where they're often bundled with that other metabolic culprit, sugar), were still clear in the new study. The carb-restricted dieters had lower levels of insulin, which is important to those who may be pre-diabetic and trying to not become insulin-resistant.

"These findings counter the theory that body fat loss necessarily requires decreasing insulin, thereby increasing the release of stored fat from fat tissue and increasing the amount of fat burned by the body," Hall said.

The study was small, just 19 obese adults who did not have diabetes, done by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. But knowing which kind of calories to cut could be a good first step for the more than two-thirds of American adults who are overweight or obese, according to the National Institutes of Health.

"This NIH study provides invaluable evidence on how different types of calories affect metabolism and body composition," said NIDDK Director Griffin P. Rodgers. "The more we learn about the complicated topic of weight loss, the better we can find ways to help people manage their health." EVA KIS

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**Flyer great retires**

## *Briere officially calls it a career*

**After 17 seasons as an NHL winger, six of them with the Flyers, Daniel Briere announced his retirement. Briere scored 307 goals and 696 points in his career with five teams. He set a Flyers' playoff record in 2010 with 30 points in 23 games.**

# MACNOW: THE TRUTH ABOUT TEBOW AND EAGLES

Rookie wide receiver Nelson Agholor shined, Marcus Smith showed up, and Cody Parkey got the yips. But none of those observations will be water-cooler fodder this week following the Eagles' 36-10 preseason win over the Colts.

Because Tebowmania has come to Philadelphia.

It started as Tebow entered Sunday's game at 3:03 p.m., and the fans rose. "Best ovation I've ever seen a third-string quarterback get," marveled center Jason Kelce. Let the record show Tebow's first action as an Eagle was trying to silence the crowd.

When his first throw went for a five-yard gain in the flat to rookie Seyi Ajirotutu, the home crowd reacted as it did the day in 2010 when Mike Vick led that 21-point comeback against the Giants. And the excitement level stayed that way — for, let me remind you, a preseason game. It reached crescendo when Tebow barreled in for a seven-yard touchdown run.

Everywhere Tim Tebow goes, he seems to be greeted by Florida fans. / GETTY IMAGES

People look at Tim Tebow and see what they want. To some, he's simply a winner — a charismatic athlete with that undefined "it" who always makes a team better. I basically agree, although I'm long past the point of viewing him as a starting NFL quarterback. And polarizing religiosity aside, it's impossible not to recognize Tebow as a hard worker and a terrific guy. I saw him sticking around after a grueling practice last week to happily sign every autograph request.

But he'll never sell that to the football purists and snarky old reporters who evaluate him on actual technique. "Still struggles with his reads and pocket presence," tweeted one

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**Glen's final thought**

**"I can tell you, with little doubt, that [Chip Kelly] sees a winner who'll play quarterback for his team."**

national writer Sunday. "Holding onto the ball too long, taking way too many hits."

In truth, Tebow was outplayed Sunday by Matt Barkley, his competition for the team — at least in terms of actually throwing the ball. Barkley, now in his third season, appears more comfortable in Chip Kelly's offense. Barkley made quicker decisions and threw more accurately, particularly on a 39-yard sideline fade to Jordan Matthews.

(On a side note, they both looked superior to Mark Sanchez, who started while Kelly sat Sam Bradford. If the coach is really serious that the starting QB job is an open competition, Sanchez did everything to drown his own chances.)

Anyway, my hunch is that Barkley needs a four-touchdown day soon to earn that third-stringer gig. Kelly is infatuated with everything Tebow brings other than his erratic left arm — running ability, locker-room presence, the Swiss Army Knife skills, the element of surprise. And we all believe Kelly wants to succeed where other NFL coaches, including Bill Belichick, have failed.

You could hear it in Kelly's postgame words Sunday. Asked why Tebow held the ball too long on one play, Kelly blamed the receiver for running the wrong route. He cited shaky offensive-line play — not quarterback indecision — as the reason Tebow got knocked around.

Again, people see what they want in Tim Tebow. I can tell you, with little doubt, that the head coach sees a winner who'll play quarterback for his team. And maybe a little more than anyone imagines.

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**Birds have deep roster**

## Kelly: High energy comes from depth

The Eagles really came out with an excess of energy against the Colts Sunday. But why? It was just a preseason game, after all.

"We've got a lot of depth here, and there's a lot of guys fighting for spots," Chip Kelly told the media after the 36-10 win. "I think everybody is aware of that. You don't really — it wasn't like we gave them a big rah-rah speech before we went out on the field, but we put a lot of emphasis because of how we train on what goes on when you get a chance to go in a game when it's live," he stated.

"There's no excuses when you're playing in a game," the coach said. "You can't say, 'Well, I would have had that guy, but you blew the whistle too quick, coach,' or, 'I pulled off because I didn't want to have a big collision.' This is live; this is real; this is going."

One guy who is currently mired in a difficult battle is Ed Reynolds. The safety was under the radar among a very deep class of cornerbacks and safeties, but he came to the forefront Sunday with two interceptions in the second half.

"He showed up," Kelly said of the second-year pro out of Stanford. "Not only two interceptions but had a big tackle on the kickoff return after that, late in the game. I think he's a guy that's pushing to make the 53-man roster, and I'm happy for him right now."

EVAN MACY

## NFL. Parkey says not to worry about Sunday's two missed kicks

Eagles' kicker Cody Parkey, a year after making the Pro Bowl and setting several rookie and Eagles records, missed a field goal and extra point in the Birds' 36-10 preseason opener against the Colts Sunday.

And with no competition in camp, many Eagles fans and pundits are worried the kicker has become complacent or is in a mental slump.

"I mean, let's not go crazy now," Chip Kelly said after the game. "He's a pretty good kicker. Hey, he's a Pro Bowler. I've seen Pro Bowlers miss kicks. I've seen Adam [Vinatieri, Colts kicker] – Adam is a Hall of Fame kicker – I've seen him miss kicks before, too. Let's not hit the panic button on Cody right now. We are in the first preseason game."

Parkey made the Eagles roster late during training camp in 2014, beating out Alex Henery. During the season he tied for the highest average points per game, and set a new rookie scoring record with 150 points.

Cody Parkey / GETTY IMAGES

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Both of the kicker's misses Sunday were in the 30-yard range, one of them an extra point (which has moved back from the two-yardline).

"Everyone is human. Everyone misses a kick here and there," Parkey said. "But it's embarrassing to go out there and miss two in the first game. And it sucks for me to do it. I'm just going to go out there next week and do better."

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## Dual threat QB

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## Second to one

Taking shots on secondary options in high-powered offenses is a smart move. Davante Adams has the trust of Aaron Rodgers, as evidenced by the 11 targets in last year's playoff game against Dallas. The Colts didn't use the No. 29 overall pick on Phillip Dorsett to have him sit on the bench. And whoever wins the No. 3 battle in New Orleans between Nick Toon and Brandon Coleman will be worth a shot — Marques Colston is on his last legs.

## Bet on talent

Another approach to mining for late-round fliers is selecting talent in spite of seemingly poor situations. A good example is Brian Quick, a 6-foot-3 specimen who is coming off a severe shoulder injury and plays for the low-powered Rams. Marvin Jones is having a shaky training camp, and the Bengals have a ton of mouths to feed, but he scored 10 touchdowns while playing 48 percent of the snaps in 2013. If Victor Cruz (knee) can't get right and Rueben Randle can get his head on straight, he's a post-hype sleeper. And David Cobb certainly has the ability to beat out Bishop Sankey for the lead part of the Titans' running back committee.

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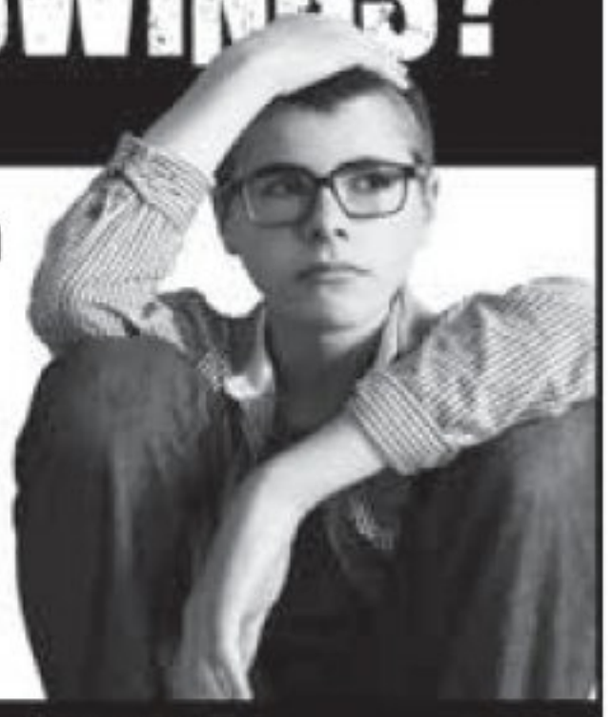

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